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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, re Senator Fulbright's letter of 2 June

1. Talked with William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, about Senator Fulbright's letter of 2 June to the Director which referred to a column by Joseph Alsop and posed four questions with regard to SS-9 missiles.

2. Woodruff said he did not see how we could say no to Senator Fulbright in this instance--adding that a refusal to answer could create more problems than a response.


3. We also discussed the possibility of the Director offering to respond by appearing before the Committee again. I commented that the Director might want to talk to Senator Russell about this and Woodruff said the Director might also want to discuss this with the White House. He went on to say that we should coordinate this kind of thing with the Pentagon. He said that Senator Russell is going to talk to Secretary Laird about this when he sees him today or tomorrow and plans to discuss this with the Director the next time he talks with him. He said "they are playing you fellows against one another and after all you all are on the same team."

  
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13. (Unclassified - GLC) Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called and asked if the date of 9 June would be acceptable to us for the briefing of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee which had been previously scheduled for tomorrow and had been postponed by the Committee. After checking with the Director, we advised Woodruff that this was an acceptable date for us. He will discuss this with Senator Russell and be back in touch.

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